



**MICHIGAN ALTERNATIVE STUDENT LOAN (MI-LOAN®) PROGRAM**  
**CREDITWORTHY LOAN APPLICATION**  
**SELF TEST**

Loan eligibility is based partly on credit standards that must be met. The Self Test is provided to assist you in determining your potential eligibility for a loan with regard to the credit standards; and should be completed by the individual(s) whose income, debt and credit history will be reviewed for credit eligibility. If you, the applicant, cannot meet the credit standards, you may apply with a cosigner(s).

The credit standard review will be applied as follows:

**If you are applying without a cosigner**, you must meet the credit standards.

**If you are applying with a cosigner, and you reside together and share household income and debt**, you may choose to meet the credit standards together OR using only your cosigner. See application form for more information.

**If you are applying with two cosigners**, your cosigners must meet the credit standards together. Two cosigners are permissible if they reside in the same household and represent joint household income and debt.

**Section 1 - DEBT-TO-INCOME RATIO**

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| 1. Total Monthly Gross Income              | \$ _____ |
| 2. Total Monthly Debt (Payments)           | \$ _____ |
| 3. Expected Payment for This Loan          | \$ _____ |
| 4. Adjusted Total Monthly Debt (2 plus 3.) | \$ _____ |
| 5. Debt-to-Income Ratio (Divide 4 by 1.)   | _____    |

(If the Debt-to-Income Ratio does NOT exceed 45.0%, you potentially meet this requirement.)

**Instructions for Completing the Debt-To-Income Ratio section above.**

**Line 1: Total Monthly Gross Income**

List your monthly gross income before withholding taxes and other deductions. Other acceptable income you may want considered in determining creditworthiness is limited to non-reported income as defined in the U.S. Master Tax Guide for the applicable tax year.

**Line 2: Total Monthly Debt (Payments)**

On a separate piece of paper, list your **monthly debts** for the following: (a) mortgage/land contract payment/rent, (b) child support and/or alimony payments, (c) all debts that you have with a credit provider (an entity that provides credit in its normal course of business such as a bank, credit union, retailer, etc.), (d) credit card obligations, (e) prior MI-LOAN Program loans currently outstanding, all cosigned loans and personal loans for business purposes.

**Line 3: Expected Payment for This Loan [Move “Based on the...” to next line]**

Based on the loan amount that you will apply for, estimate the monthly payment for this requested loan per the schedule below.

(The payment amount identified is an approximate amount and is not meant to reflect actual payments.)

Loan Amount	Monthly Payment
\$ 7,000 or less	\$ 50
9,000	58
11,000	71
13,000	83
15,000	96
17,000	109
19,000	122
20,000 and over	For each \$1,000 over \$19,000, add \$6 to \$122.

**NOTE:** If the loan amount that you will request is not listed in the table, use the next lower amount and add \$6 for each additional \$1,000.

**Section 2 - EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

Have you been **continuously** employed (with no gaps) for the past two years? (Retired individuals are exempt from this requirement.)

☐ Yes ☐ No

(If you answered "YES", you potentially meet this requirement.)

**Section 3 - CREDIT HISTORY**

Your credit history will be reviewed thoroughly to determine eligibility. The review will include such factors as:

- Previous credit performance
- Current level of indebtedness
- Status of current accounts
- Status of current MI-LOAN Program loans
- Derogatory public record (tax liens, etc.)

**Section 4 - SCHOOL DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY**

The student should file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The school will provide MHESLA with information that will be used in determining your loan eligibility. Contact the Financial Aid Office for further information regarding the FAFSA.

**FINAL ASSESSMENT OF ELIGIBILITY WILL BE MADE BY THE MICHIGAN HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENT LOAN AUTHORITY OR ITS SERVICER.**

After completing the Self Test, the [Creditworthy Loan Application](#) can be accessed, filled out and printed in Portable Document Format (PDF) using [Adobe Acrobat Reader](#).

Remember that the use of whiteout anywhere on the application will make the application null and void. Once you exit out of Adobe, the information in the application will be deleted. **After fully completing and printing the application, sign, date and mail to:** Thank you for your interest in the Creditworthy MI-LOAN Program.

Requests for additional information, or questions, can be directed to:

Nelnet Loan Services, Inc  
P O Box 82523  
Lincoln, NE 68501-2523

Phone: 866-551-8070

**OR**

[Michigan Higher Education Student Loan Authority](#) (MHESLA)  
MI-LOAN Program  
P O Box 30051  
Lansing, MI 48909

Phone: 888-643-7521

Note: TDD callers may access the MHESLA office through the Michigan Relay Center at 800-649-3777 to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.